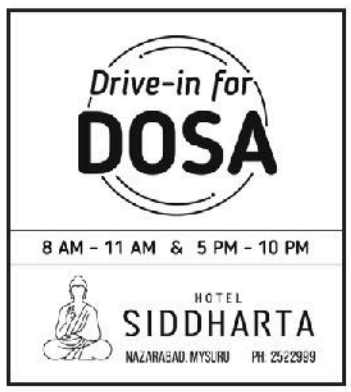

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Aftermath of Bengaluru Stadium Stampede

Government may relocate Chinnaswamy Stadium: CM

CID intensifies probe; Bengaluru Urban District Magistrate to record statements of injured

Mysuru, June 9 (RK,BLU& BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that the Government is seriously considering relocating Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to a new site to prevent tragedies like the recent stampedes in the future.

Siddaramaiah

The move comes in the wake of the stampede that occurred during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) IPL victory celebrations outside Chinnaswamy Stadium, which claimed 11 lives and injured over 45 persons.

Responding to a query by a journalist at the Mysore Airport last evening, Siddaramaiah expressed deep anguish over the incident and confirmed that the Government is exploring long-term measures. "The Government will look into shifting the cricket stadium to another location," he said.

"Such a painful incident should not happen under any Government. Personally, this tragedy has deeply hurt me and the Government," he added. He also announced administrative action in response to the stampede. "Five Police officers have been suspended. The State's Intelligence Chief and my Political Secretary have been replaced," he said. "The case is being taken seriously and appropriate action has been initiated."

A view of M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru during an RCB match. [Pic. courtesy: x.com]

Despite public outrage, the CM insisted that the Govt. had not acted irresponsibly.

Leaves for Bengaluru

Siddaramaiah left for Bengaluru this morning after a day's stay in Mysuru. He had arrived last evening to attend the wedding of the daughter of his close aide and former Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath at Silent Shores Resort & Spa.

Before leaving the city, the CM met a large number of people who had gathered outside his residence to submit petitions and appeal for assistance with various grievances.

Criticises Modi rule

While choosing to criticise the Narendra Modi-led Central Government on the completion of its one year in a third consecutive term, Siddaramaiah avoided answering questions about the stampede. When he later spoke to reporters, Siddaramaiah declined to address the stampede issue — possibly because he had already commented on it the previous day.

Despite persistent questions from the media regarding the BJP-JD(S) demand for Governor intervention, calls for his Government's dismissal over the tragedy, and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar's visit to New Delhi to brief the Congress High Command, Siddaramaiah remained tight-lipped.

Instead, the Chief Minister launched a scathing critique of Prime Minister Modi's 11 years in power. Alleging that the BJP-led Union Government thrives solely on propaganda, Siddaramaiah said, "I would give it a score of zero out of ten."

He questioned the outcomes of flagship promises, asking, "Who benefited from demonetisation? Who gained from the promise of 'Achhe Din'? Where are the two crore jobs promised every year?"

Siddaramaiah accused the Modi Government of failing to deliver on key assurances, surviving mainly due to favourable media coverage. Refuting BJP claims that Karnataka's Guarantee Schemes would bankrupt the State, he argued that several of these initiatives have since been replicated by the Centre.

Aiming for Modi's record in office, he remarked, "When Modi was the Gujarat Chief Minister, he spoke of revolutionary tax collection. But what did he actually achieve? Now, as Prime Minister, what has truly changed?"

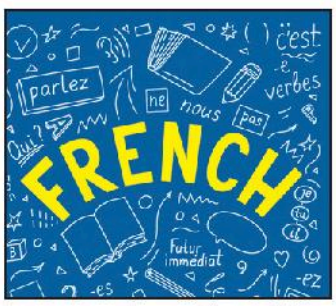
French replaces Hindi language in some private colleges

Parents allege students lured with 'easy pass' in French optional language as same teachers set and evaluate papers

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 9- Several private colleges affiliated with the University of Mysore (UoM) are allegedly compelling students to study French as an optional language along with English, bypassing regional languages in violation of the University guidelines.

As per UoM rules, students must study one regional language along with an international language. However, it is alleged that certain private colleges are offering French in place of Hindi, effectively forcing students to learn two international languages — English and French — at the cost of regional languages.



Parents and educationists have raised concerns over this trend, calling it detrimental to the preservation and promotion of regional languages.

Traditionally, foreign languages were offered as electives to students pursuing specific academic or career goals abroad. Now, many students are being pushed into French classes regardless of interest or necessity.

Over the past two years, the controversy over Hindi imposition has deepened, with Kannada organisations and various groups actively protesting its enforced use in academic and administrative settings.

(See FRENCH on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th June 2025

Avail educational loan schemes

Mysuru, June 9- Karnataka Madivala Machideva Development Corporation has invited online applications from eligible persons under Category-2A from Madivala community and its sub-castes while D. Devaraja Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible members of Backward Classes community to avail various loans they provide under different schemes.

Loans are provided under schemes like D. Devaraja Urs Self-Employment Personal Loan, Ganga-Kalyan Irrigation Scheme, Educational Loan under Arivu scheme, Higher Education Loan to study in foreign Universities, Swavalambi Sarathi Yojane, Self-Employment Scheme (in association with Banks) and Swantantrya Amrita Mahotsavada Munnade Yojane.

Applications can be submitted by visiting Seva Sindhu portal *http://sevasidnhu.karnataka.gov.in* through GramaOne, BengaluruOne and KarnatakaOne Service Centres. June 30 will be the last date for submitting applications to avail the above loan schemes.

For more information visit *www.kmmd.karnataka.gov.in* or call Ph: 080-22374832 or Mob: 80507-70004 or 80507-70005 or District Office on Ph:0821-2341194.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TRAGEDIES, LAPSES AND OUTDATED LAWS: ***The cricket world, not just Bengaluru or India, is mourning the deaths of fans who had assembled at the Chinnaswamy Stadium to celebrate the success of the local IPL team, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), but fell victim to a stampede. The cricket association, IPL team management and State government may offer compensation in the form of a 'solatium.' But would it truly 'compensate' the victims adequately? That is the question India has been grappling with for the past 170 years.***

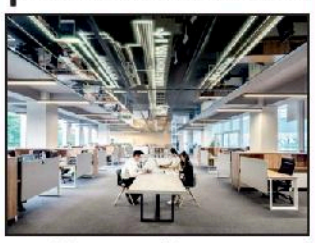
Which law governs accountability and compensation for loss of life? The Fatal Accidents Act (FAA), 1855, is one of the colonial-era statutes that remains operational in India, having survived the test of time yet increasingly found wanting in the face of modern realities. Enacted under British rule and modelled on the English Fatal Accidents Act of 1846, it was designed to compensate families of people who died due to wrongful acts, neglect or default by others. Despite its noble purpose, the Act is now seen as outdated and ill-equipped to address contemporary complexities. Through several landmark judgements, the Supreme Court of India has highlighted the urgent need to revamp this antiquated legislation.

In the stadium stampede deaths, the Karnataka government has announced Rs. 10 lakh *(now increased to Rs. 25 lakh)* ***per deceased — a mere pittance for the loss of precious lives. More importantly, the cause of the stampede must be identified and accountability fixed, ensuring that just compensation is recovered from those responsible and paid to the victims. India is still searching for a replacement for the Fatal Accidents Act. How many more tragedies must We the People endure before law-makers come up with an appropriate law to address such colossal disasters?***

—Narasimhan Vijayaraghavan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

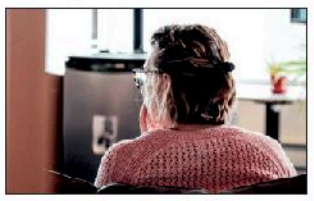
Youths pay fake companies to pretend to work



Beijing: A bizarre trend sweeping through China has unemployed youths paying fees to pretend to work in rented offices for absolutely no financial gain. Millions of Chinese people report to their office jobs every day, but while the overwhelming majority get paid to do so, some actually pay fake companies to allow them to pretend to work there.

In exchange for a daily fee of between 30 and 50 yuan ($4-$7), these specialised companies offer anyone the chance to experience various working environments, complete with desks, lunch facilities, and free Wi-Fi. While most simply allow clients to chill in their facilities, those looking for an extra layer of realism can pay extra for fictitious tasks, fake managers and even staged employee rebellions. These so-called "pretend-to-work companies" have been growing in popularity this year to meet a growing demand among unemployed youths.

Forged diploma holder works as psychiatrist



London: A fake doctor who used forged documents to practice psychiatry in the UK for two decades has been jailed and ordered to pay back hundreds of thousands of pounds. Born in Iran, Zholia Alemi and her family emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand, in the early 1990s. There, she failed to secure the degrees required to work as a qualified doctor, but she didn't let that stop her from fulfilling her dream.

In the mid-90s, she moved to the UK, where she took advantage of a legal loophole that allowed Commonwealth doctors to practise without additional examinations. Normally, doctors who obtain their degrees overseas have to take the PLAB (Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board) test, but Alemi was able to bypass it using paperwork forged in the UK. She then went on to practice psychiatry all over the UK for about 20 years.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore.

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

PSI exam training

Mysuru, June 9- The Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible minority community candidates for admission to residential coaching class for recruitment of Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs).

The admission for the 90-day coaching class to be held in Mysuru/Belagavi revenue divisions, is open to both men and women candidates from minority communities.

The candidates should be graduates from a UGC-recognised University and should be in the age group of 21 to 30 years.

The application forms can be submitted through the website *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in/Sevasindhu/Departmentservices*. The last date for applying is June15.

For more details, visit the Department Office at Maulana Azad Bhavan, beside Shobha Garden, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road or contact Ph: 0821-2422088 or Mob: 96209-25247 or 89510-87207, according to a press release.

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REALLY...?

- *An eagle's eyes are at least four times sharper than a human's.*
- *If a starfish is split into five pieces, so long as each piece contains part of the central disc, then five starfish will survive.*
- *Adult bisons are the largest land mammals in North America.*
- *Giant tortoise from the Galápagos Islands near Ecuador can weigh up to 250kg (550lbs) — the same as a brown bear!*
- *Cat fleas can jump to a height of up to 60 times their own body length.*
- *The lion has the loudest roar of all the big cats. It can be heard as far as 5km (3 miles) away.*
- *Humans share 98.8% of chimpanzee DNA. But even with DNA so similar, humans and chimps have around 35 million differences between them.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Lift operator to elderly man: "We're on the third floor. You can get out now, Son."

"Why do you call me Son?"

"Well, I brought you up, didn't I ?!"

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VOICE OF THE READER

Importance of Reading Books

Sir,

I must congratulate *Mysuru Mithra*, your sister publication in Kannada, for publishing such a thoughtful and relevant piece titled ಮನುಷ್ಯನ ಮಸ್ತಕಕ್ಕೆ ಹಿತ ಪುಸ್ತಕ — on the importance of reading habits and the enduring value of books.

As K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore*, recently remarked, "We are vocal when it is local. Jai ho, local!" — a powerful principle and one that reflects a deep commitment to community. Platforms like *Mysuru Mithra* and *Star of Mysore* are essential — they nurture local talent, preserve regional history and bring attention to important cultural and social issues.

I am especially pleased and proud to see H. Nivedita, a faculty member of the University of Mysore, contributing regularly to *Mysuru Mithra*. This kind of engagement helps counter the often misplaced perception that public sector colleges lag behind their private counterparts. Having personally assessed and accredited hundreds of leading institutions as part of NAAC since 1998, **I can vouch for the importance of such collaborations between academia and the publishing world.**

The topic of this article — books and reading — is one very close to my heart. Over the years, myself and my wife Shalini made small but sincere efforts to promote reading habits among children. Back in 1990, we launched a unique initiative called **Mindsport** — Children's Activity Centre — from our garage in Vontikoppal. Funded on a no-profit, no-loss basis, we created a vibrant space that housed a library of children's books, encyclopaedias, computers and video games — a concept well ahead of its time. **Mindsport** ran for nearly a decade before we moved to Kuvempunagar and had to close it. It gave us deep insights into how parents — across income groups — valued (or hesitated to value) a Rs. 200 refundable deposit to become members.

We also tried to spark the reading habit among our students at Manasagangothri campus. We organised newspaper reading competitions with modest prizes from our own pockets.

Let me share a light-hearted memory from those days. I used to subscribe to 8-10 newspapers every morning for my personal reading and would carry them to class to distribute among students, making newspaper reading compulsory. One cheeky student once asked if I came from a newspaper family — publishing or distribution! Ironically, she went on to become the first actress to earn a Ph.D from our University.

— D. Shrijaya Devaraja Urs,
Professor & former Director,
Institute of Development Studies, UoM

Camp: US
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Traffic rules in text books from next academic year

Bengaluru, June 9 (VNS) - To create awareness about traffic rules and regulations, the Department of State Educational Research and Training, Government of Karnataka, has issued an order to include a chapter on traffic rules and regulations in the syllabus for classes 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 from the next academic year.

The authorities have included a chapter '*Sadak Ki Raksha Sab Ki Suraksha*' which includes traffic signals, traffic movement, individual safety and road safety.

According to Karnataka Text Book Society (KTBS) Managing Director, measures will be taken to include the chapter during the revision of text books.

Sources said that Bengaluru City Traffic Police had approached KTBS with a request to include a chapter on traffic rules. Now KTBS has initiated measures to include a chapter.

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Pt. Rajeev Taranath Memorial programmes in city on June 11

Mysuru, June 9- The first death anniversary of the internationally renowned Sarod Maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath will be observed in city on June 11.

The Pt. Rajeev Taranath Memorial Trust is organising a cultural event in memory of this great musician at Ganabharathi auditorium in Kuvempungar on Wednesday (June 11) at 6 pm.

The evening will feature talks by the well-known writer Sumangala, renowned tabla player Pandit Udayraj Karpoor and others.

This will be followed by a Karnatak veena recital by Vidu. Sahana. She will be accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Cover page of book on Pt. Rajeev Taranath

Book release

The third print of the book titled '*Pt. Rajeev Taranath Sarod Swarayaana,*' edited by Ganesh Amingad and Raghupathi Tamhankar, will be released at a programme to be held at Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal (KSGH) Music and Performing Arts University on JLB Road in city on June 11 at 11 am.

Sitarist C.S. Sarvamangala will release the book. Senior theatre person Kappanna will speak about Pt. Rajeev Taranath. KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote will preside. KSGH Music and Performing Arts University Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. M.G. Manjunath and Finance Officer and Registrar (in-Charge) Rekha will be present.

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Please submit the applications within 7 days along with copies of Certificates, Bio-Data & Passport size photo to the office.
Hon.President Hon. Secretary

Moonlight Musical Series at Suttur Mutt in city

Dr. Ranjani *Vid. Venkatesh* *Vid. Phanindra* *Vid. Sharath*

Mysuru, June 9- As part of its Monthly Moonlight Music-280, Suttur Mutt, Mysuru, has organised a vocal concert by Dr. Ranjani Vasuki at the Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on June 11 at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Joisar on violin, Vid. Phanindra Bhaskar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

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NEWS BRIEFS

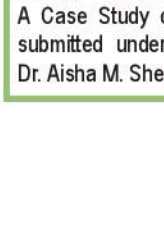
MCCI Managing Committee meeting

The Managing Committee Meeting of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) will be held at the Cosmopolitan Club, Dr. S. Radhakrishna Avenue, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru, on June 11 at 7 pm, according to a press release from MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju and Hon. Secretary A.K. Shivaji Rao.

Railway Pensioners meet on June 14

The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association will be held at its Office on Seshadri Iyer Road in city on June 14 at 11.30 am. Association General Secretary G.S. Swaminathan will address the pensioners regarding the activities of the Association and also narrate the circulars issued during May-June 2025. On the occasion, Unnikrishnan, retd. Deputy Chief Engineer, Subramanyam, Sr. Accounts Officer, Workshop & Stores, Ashokapuram and Bhagath, retd. Asst. Divisional Financial Manager, Mysuru, will be felicitated for their excellent service to pensioners. Association President Parthasarathy will preside over the meeting, according to a press release from the Association.

Appointed



B.P. Shivakumar has been appointed as the Manager (in-Charge) of The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysuru, at the Bank's Executive Board Meeting held on May 31.

Ph.D awardees

H. Manu has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Impact of Mergers and Acquisitions on Performance of Indian Banking Sector - A Comparative Study at Selected Banks' submitted under the guidance of Dr. V. Mahesha.

G. Ramacharan has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Analysis of Success and Limiting Factors Influencing Entrepreneurial Intent Among Women Entrepreneurs: A Case Study of Mysore District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Aisha M. Sheriff.

Echo of Bengaluru Chinnaswamy Stadium Stampede

BJP demands dismissal of State Congress Govt.

Bengaluru, June 9 (VNS)- Members and elected representatives of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Karnataka Unit, held a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi statue, at Vidhana Soudha, yesterday holding the Congress State Government responsible for the stampede in front of Chinnaswamy Stadium which took the lives of 11 people and left several injured.

The protesters, who demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, said that the senior Congress leaders should be held responsible for the incident and should face legal action. BJP has also decided to meet Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to press for dismissal of the State Govt.

Speaking on the occasion, Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Assembly R. Ashok blamed the State Government for allowing the event to be held despite knowing about the risks.

Further, taking a dig at the State Government for suspending Police officers including B. Dayanand, Ashok said, the BJP would stand in support of the Police officers as they did no wrong.

"Celebrations were carried out despite Police denying permission. This is nothing but a Government-sponsored murder," he said and added that both the Chief Minister and the Dy.CM cannot continue to be in power sitting on the corpse of people killed in the stampede.

CM, Dy.CM behaved as RCB's Brand Ambassadors

Alleging that CM Siddaramaiah and Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar had behaved like brand ambassadors of RCB team, Ashok said that the celebrations started between 4.30 pm and 5 pm at Vidana Soudha despite the first news about the stampede death broke at around 3.15 pm.

"At the time when the event began at Vidhana Soudha around 7-8 deaths had already occurred. Later, Dy.CM left to take part in another celebrations at Chinnaswamy Stadium where the fireworks worth Rs. 1 crore were burst after the deaths of 11 people," he added.

Reacting to suspension of Police officers for failing to provide information about the stampede to the CM and Dy.CM, Ashok said there were continuous live updates about the stampede incident in various media that were available on mobile phones.

"What were your officers, Personal Assistants and Secretaries doing?" he questioned and added that the present Government should be dismissed holding the CM, Dy.CM, Chief Secretary and other officers responsible for the tragic incident.

Leader of the Opposition in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, MLA Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, MP Govind Karjol, MLAs C.C. Patil and C.K. Ramamurthy and others were present.

Activists seek Rs. 5 crore compensation for victims

Mysuru, June 9 (GA&VNS)- Former MLA and Kannada Chalavali Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj and members held a protest in front of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle) here yesterday, demanding Rs. 5 crore compensation for the families of 11 people who were killed in the stampede incident that occurred in front of M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 4.

The protesters demanded the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to release Rs. 2 crore, State Government to release Rs. 1 crore and RCB to release Rs. 2 crore to the families of each 11 people who were killed in the incident.

Stating that the State Government was responsible for the incident, Vatal Nagaraj expressed that the suspension of Police officers had brought the moral down of the Department and demanded the State Government to come out with a proper explanation for action initiated against them and demanded the State Government to revoke their suspension immediately.

Demanding for the ban of RCB team from IPL, Vatal Nagaraj said a thorough investigation must be held to bring those responsible to justice. He also pressed for the ban of IPL stating that it was nothing but a gambling den.

Activists Shivashankar, Parthasarathy, Tejas, Lokesh Gowda, Suresh and others were present.

'State Government not responsible'

Meanwhile, KPCC Co-ordinator and Karnataka Samvidhana Samrakshana Horata Samithi State President N. Bhaskar said that State Government cannot be held responsible for the stampede incident as KSCA or RCB do not come under the purview of the State Government.

"The 11 people who died were the victims of conspiracy to tarnish the image of the State Government," he said.

Expressing his doubts, Bhaskar said, even before the IPL finals was held, KSCA had written a letter to State Government seeking permission and Police security for the victory celebrations. "Following this, the State Government was misguided and Governor, Chief Minister, Dy.CM, Ministers were forced to take part in the felicitation event. If Government had rejected to the event, people would have termed the Government as anti-RCB," he added.

Demanding for CBI investigation against KSCA and RCB, Bhaskar said that apart from compensation, KSCA must provide jobs to kins of those killed in the stampede.

Woman allegedly kills daughter by drowning her in water tank

Hassan, June 9- A woman allegedly killed her daughter by drowning her in a water tank at Jinnenahalli Koppal village in Channarayapatna taluk of Hassan district yesterday.

The deceased girl is Sanvi (6) while the accused mother is 36-year-old Shwetha. Shwetha was married to Raghu of Shivamogga seven years ago and it is learnt that the couple used to indulge in frequent quarrels from the initial days of the marriage.

Raghu's parents were taking care of Sanvi since four years and Shwetha, who had separated from her husband, was staying with her parents since five years and the couple had also applied for a divorce despite members of both the families holding compromise negotiations many times.

Deceased Sanvi

Accused Shwetha

On Saturday, Shwetha brought Sanvi from Nelamangala to her parents' house. As the house was locked, she and her daughter had stayed in the neighbour's house. Yesterday at about 9 am, Shwetha informed her neighbour that she was taking her daughter to the agricultural land. After reaching the agri land, Shwetha allegedly drowned Sanvi in the water tank there.

Meanwhile, villagers working in the neighbouring fields, who heard Sanvi screaming, rushed towards the water tank during which Shwetha reportedly told them that she and Sanvi wanted to end their lives. Villagers then rushed Sanvi to a hospital, but she had breathed her last by then. Hirisave Police, who visited the spot, conducted an inspection.

Pre-School, Montessori School Teacher Training

Mysuru, June 9 (DM)- Under the National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM), the RCSS (Rastriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi), Mysuru, has invited applications from SSLC/ PUC passed candidates for admission to LKG, UKG, Pre-School and Montessori School Teacher Training Classes.

Interested candidates, including students, housewives and job seekers, in the age group of 18 to 55 years, can apply.

Admission is also open for online classes, according to a press release.

For details, contact Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442.

Obituary

M. Shivakumar

Mysuru, June 9- M. Shivakumar (66), retired Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) Chief Engineer and a resident of No. 676, Shibhashree Nilaya, Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Shivakumar was responsible for the completion of the Outer Ring Road and construction of Hinkal Flyover during his tenure as the Superintending Engineer of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (now Mysuru Development Authority).

Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

V. Bhagyalakshmi

V. Bhagyalakshmi (91), wife of city's renowned orator late B. Venkatarama Sharma and a resident of Roopa Nagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind two sons, three daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

L. Jayamma

L. Jayamma (75), wife of late M.S. Neelakantan and a resident of Ittigegud, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her son M.N. Mahesh, Vice-President of The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

A. Sheshadri

A. Sheshadri (70), one of the Trustees of Pratham Mysore and a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away on June 7 in city. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Sheshadri had served for the cause of rural children's education for over 25 years.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

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Stampede saddening, was informed late: CM

Mysuru, June 9 (MK&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah distanced himself from the stampede incident that occurred outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) IPL victory celebrations on June 4. He held senior Police officials responsible for the failed security arrangements and claimed he was informed about the tragedy much later.

Speaking to reporters at Mysore Airport last evening, Siddaramaiah clarified that the event was not organised by the Government.

"It was not a Government-organised function, and I was not invited. I am the head of the Government. Although the victims were admitted to the hospital by 3.50 pm, I was informed of the incident only at 5.45 pm. The stampede should never have happened. It is deeply saddening," he said.

He further stated that the Police Department failed to provide complete details regarding security protocols in advance. "Five Police officers have been suspended. The State Intelligence Chief and my Political Secretary have been transferred. The Government is taking the matter very seriously, and appropriate action is being initiated. While the Government is not at fault, the incident is undeniably distressing," he added.

KSCA invite

The Chief Minister also said that the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), not the Government, was responsible for the event. "The KSCA Secretary and Treasurer invited me to the function. It was entirely organised by the KSCA. They informed me that the Governor would also be attending. I went only because I was invited. I had no role in organising the event," he said.

Reiterating Police lapses, he stated, "The Police Department did not communicate the full extent of security arrangements. It was their responsibility to ensure that all conditions were strictly followed. The permission granted was for an event in front of the Vidhana Soudha, where no untoward incident occurred. The stampede took place at Chinnaswamy Stadium due to inadequate security and the concerned officers have been suspended."

Opposition politicising tragedy

Eleven people lost their lives and many others were injured in the stampede outside Chinnaswamy Stadium, where a large crowd had gathered for RCB celebrations. Since the incident, Siddaramaiah has come under intense criticism from the BJP and JD(S), with both parties demanding his resignation.

Responding to these calls, Siddaramaiah said, "The Government has not made any mistakes. Action has already been taken against those responsible. There is no reason for embarrassment. During the *Kumbh Mela* in Uttar Pradesh, several people died due to a bridge collapse. Did their Chief Minister resign? Did BJP or JD(S) ask for his resignation?"

He accused the Opposition of politicising the tragedy. "The BJP is levelling baseless and politically motivated allegations. We have already initiated disciplinary action against the Police officials concerned, based on preliminary findings. Moreover, a judicial inquiry has been ordered as per the demand of the BJP and JD(S)," he said.

Siddaramaiah also criticised the BJP's changing stance. "The BJP now claims that the Home Minister failed by not allowing an open bus parade. But earlier, they demanded action against the event itself. This shows their double standards," he added.

CID intensifies probe; to seek custody of accused

Bengaluru Urban District Magistrate issues notices to 45 injured people to record their statements

Bengaluru, June 9 (VNS) - The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the June 4 stampede at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during the IPL 2025 victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), has intensified its investigation.

The CID Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by SP Shubanvita is expected to seek custody of the four accused — RCB Marketing and Revenue Head Nikhil Sosale and three other DNA Entertainment Private Limited Employees, including Sunil Mathew (Vice- President, Business Affairs), Sumanth (Ticketing Operations Lead) and Kiran (Senior Event Manager).

All the accused are currently under judicial custody till June 19. All four were remanded to judicial custody by the 14th ACMM Court on June 6.

The CID team visited the Stadium yesterday and inspected Gates 2, 2A, 6, 7, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and other locations. The SIT will also issue notices to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), RCB Management, and DNA Entertainment Private Limited to appear before them for questioning.

The probe team will also record the statements of all family members of the deceased and notices will also be served to Rolam Gomas and C. Venu, who have filed separate complaints in the case. The CID has formed a 15-member SIT for the investigation.

Hearing of Nikhil's plea today

Meanwhile, the High Court Bench headed by Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar will take up the hearing of the plea of Nikhil Sosale's petition this afternoon, in which he claims that his arrest was illegal, arbitrary and politically motivated. The High Court Bench on Friday last had adjourned the hearing to June 9 after hearing the arguments of senior advocate Sandesh Chouta, stating that an order would be passed only after hearing Advocate General Shahi Kiran Shetty.

To record statements

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban District G. Jagadeesha, who also serves as the District Magistrate, has issued notices to 45 injured people in connection with the stampede. They have been directed to record their statements on June 11.

Jagadeesha has issued a notice directing the injured persons to arrive at the Magisterial Court auditorium, located within the premises of the DC's Office in Bengaluru, between 11 am and 1.30 pm to record their statements.

According to sources, the DC will proceed to record the statements of the family members of the deceased and eyewitnesses on June 13. A letter has also been sent to the Office of the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner, seeking information regarding the details of the Police deputed at the Stadium on June 4.

After recording statements from the Police and inquiring with the officers, the report will be submitted to the government. The DC has already visited the Stadium and inspected the site. Statements from the management of the RCB franchise, DNA Event Management firm and KSCA will also be recorded.

DCP raised red flags over RCB felicitation at Vidhana Soudha

Karibasavanagowda

Bengaluru, June 9 (BCT)- A confidential letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) in charge of Vidhana Soudha security has surfaced, highlighting serious concerns over holding a felicitation ceremony for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the steps of Vidhana Soudha.

In a detailed communication dated June 4, DCP M.N. Karibasavanagowda warned the State Government that the rushed nature of the event, coupled with the massive expected turnout of fans, posed significant logistical and security risks.

The DCP's cautionary letter now adds further dimension to the debate over planning, responsibility, and public safety in high-profile events.

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) had earlier written to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms on June 3, before RCB officially clinched the IPL 2025 title, seeking permission to organise a grand felicitation ceremony.

The proposal, backed by event management firm DNA Entertainment Network Pvt. Ltd., sought the participation of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister at the event.

In response, the Government approached the Vidhana Soudha security division for feasibility inputs. The DCP's reply to Sathyavati, Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, laid out multiple red flags and underscored the need for meticulous planning, which, he stressed, was not possible on short notice.

Key concerns raised

In his letter, the DCP flagged multiple concerns, warning that RCB's nationwide fan base could draw an unmanageable crowd to Vidhana Soudha, overwhelming the limited security personnel. He suggested restricting public access and granting Government staff leave post-noon to avoid additional footfall.

He recommended that the stage for dignitaries and players be inspected in advance by the Public Works Department and handed over at least two hours before the event. To ensure security, he called for CCTV surveillance, anti-drone systems, and mandatory anti-sabotage checks.

Electrical equipment, he said, must be certified by the electricity department, while coordination among traffic, law and order, and intelligence wings was essential — yet difficult without sufficient preparation time. As the venue is a heritage site, he stressed strict adherence to conservation norms.

While assuring the Government that the Police force would comply with any final decision, the DCP said that organising a high-profile event of this scale required adequate time and planning, both of which were constrained under current circumstances.

Dy.CM Shivakumar sidesteps questions on Police letter

Shivakumar

Bengaluru, June 9 (BCT)- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Sunday chose not to respond to media queries regarding a letter sent by the Police to the Government, walking away from reporters without offering any comment.

The controversy revolves around a communication from Vidhana Soudha DCP M.N. Karibasavanagowda to Sathyavati, Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

The letter had flagged serious security concerns over granting permission for a felicitation event for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the steps of the Vidhana Soudha.

As BJP leaders staged protests demanding accountability, the Police letter surfaced in the public domain, intensifying political tensions. When asked for his response, Shivakumar remained silent and left the venue, avoiding the media entirely.

Short stories must be concise, sharp in message: Ravi Joshi

Acclaimed playwright and theatre director Vijay Padaki's two new short story collections released

Mysuru, June 9 (PM&BCT)- Former Joint Secretary of Cabinet Secretariat Ravi Joshi emphasised that short stories must be inherently concise, precise and capable of sharply delivering their intended message.

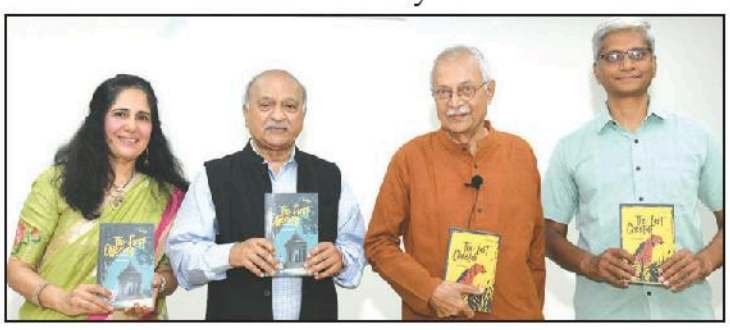
He shared these insights at a book launch event organised by the Lions Club of Mysore West at the Lions Sevaniketan School auditorium in Gokulam last evening.

At the event, internationally acclaimed playwright and theatre director Vijay Padaki launched two volumes of his newly published short story collections — ***The First Offering*** and ***The Last Cheetah*** — which feature a delightful array of characters and a captivating variety of storylines, all marked by his signature wit and narrative finesse.

Padaki is a noted theatre educator and the Founder of the Bangalore Little Theatre (BLT) Foundation. City-based author Sujata Rajpal was in conversation with Vijay Padaki.

Ravi Joshi praised Padaki's mastery of the short story format, noting that most of his stories can be read in under 20 minutes while still leaving a lasting impression. His works are known for their clarity, impact and ease of comprehension.

Padaki's literary portfolio is both diverse and prolific. Even at his age, he remains actively engaged in writing and theatre. With over 50 plays to his credit, he has made significant contributions to Indian theatre and continues to explore various literary genres, he opined.



Internationally acclaimed playwright and theatre director Vijay Padaki *(second from right)* ***releasing two volumes of his newly published short story collections in city yesterday as*** *(from left)* ***author Sujata Rajpal, former Joint Secretary of Cabinet Secretariat Ravi Joshi and President of Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School Nagarajan Srinivasan look on.***

Conversation with author

In a conversation with Sujata Rajpal, Padaki spoke about blending his interests in theatre and management. "I integrate theatre techniques into management, bridging the two fields. This connection is organic and deeply embedded in my work," he said.

Padaki also shared that he took up writing later in life and added, "I write primarily for my own satisfaction."

Speaking on how stories convey meaning, Padaki remarked, "Both humans and animals have the intelligence to grasp meaning without direct explanation. The best writing embeds its message subtly. It must be structured to let readers arrive at the meaning themselves, whether it's a play, article or short story. I don't believe in spelling out the message too explicitly."

Sujata Rajpal echoed his thoughts, observing, "When we were children, every story seemed to carry a moral lesson. Do you think modern stories are missing that?"

Padaki responded, "We often underestimate children. They are far more capable of understanding narratives than adults assume. After hearing a story, children should be encouraged to discuss and analyse its meaning."

'Robi's Garden' staged

The book launch was followed by a theatre performance of 'Robi's Garden' by Vijay Padaki and Minti Jain. This production is part of Bangalore Little Theatre's (BLT) signature Courtyard Theatre series. Designed for two actors, the play featured minimal props, no elaborate set and no artificial atmospherics, relying purely on performance to engage the audience.

'Robi's Garden' is inspired by the humorous writings of Rabindranath Tagore (Robi-da), bringing his wit and insight to life on stage through a minimalist, actor-driven approach.

The event was attended by President of Mysore West Lions Sevaniketan School Nagarajan Srinivasan, former President of Lions Club of Mysore West Sukumar and several members of the literary and theatre community.

French replaces Hindi

(Continued from page 1)

These protests have called for the protection of **linguistic rights and strongly opposed the mandatory inclusion of Hindi in Karnataka. Amid this ongoing debate, some private colleges have conveniently altered their language offerings.**

Some parents claim colleges are luring students by promising an easy pass in French. Since those setting the question papers are also evaluating the answer scripts, students are allegedly passed without much scrutiny — making French a popular but questionable choice.

With fewer lecturers proficient in French, private colleges have leveraged this situation to employ faculty at fixed salaries for extended periods. As a result, college administrations have started offering French as an elective language option to students who initially intended to choose Hindi at the time of admission.

At the time of admission, many colleges are offering French by default, showing little inclination to provide Hindi as options.

UoM VC warns of action

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath said, action would be taken against colleges if any formal complaint is received from students or parents. "French may be useful for those pursuing international education or employment, but forcing students to learn it against their will is unacceptable," he said.

Educationists have urged the UoM Syndicate to reject proposals from colleges seeking to make French the sole optional language and to ensure that regional languages are offered.

"With proficiency in Hindi or other Indian languages, students can find opportunities across India. Since Hindi is taught in school, continuing it in college makes academic sense and strengthens students' language foundation," experts noted.

Parents are now appealing to UoM to intervene and restore the option of regional languages in private colleges, stressing that language policy should support cultural identity, not erode it.

Youth held for possessing narcotic substance

Mysuru, June 9 (KS)- A 21-year-old youth, who was found carrying a narcotic substance, has been taken into custody by the City Crime Branch (CCB) Police.

The youth has been identified as a resident of Rajivnagar and a B.Com student. He was taken into custody near Sathagalli Park and the Police have seized 5 grams Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), a narcotic substance from him.

When CCB Inspector Shabeer Hussain was proceeding in his Department vehicle, he saw a youth, who was standing near the park running away on seeing the vehicle.

The Inspector, on suspicion, chased the youth, caught him and on searching him, found the narcotic substance and took him into custody.

A case has been registered at Udayagiri Police Station.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

A street named after a legendary Pailwan

'Ustad Papaiahnavara Raste'

The history of wrestling in Mysuru is fascinating, and legendary wrestlers have left an indelible mark on the city's cultural fabric.

Their engrossing stories reflect the deep connection between the art of wrestling and the royal patronage during the reign of the Wadiyars. The name 'Garadi' itself, which is associated with wrestling houses, evokes a sense of reverence and nostalgia when wrestling was not only a sport but also an esteemed art form.

While walking around the old Mohallas, we come across lanes named 'Garadi Raste.' These streets continue to bear witness to the legacy of these titans who trained, often under the tutelage of respected Gurus, intensely and helped shape wrestlers into formidable forces in the ring.

On these roads were once famous wrestling houses. A tiny locality outside the city then continues to bear the name of the famous wrestler, Kannegowda, and the 'Kannegowdana Koppal' is a part of the city now.

One of the few streets named after Mysuru's renowned wrestlers is the 'Ustad Papaiahnavara Raste,' where a legendary Pailwan lived.

'Kusti Kanteerava' Papaiah had no parallel as he had defeated many master pailwans of the day. The only other parallel to him, perhaps, was Dodda Thimmaiah. A favourite of Ustad 'Kattige' Shivanna, his master, Dodda Thimmaiah had earned the prefix of honour, 'Bhujabala Bheema.'

Papapiah was no less famous. He was trained by Hazarat Faqir Ahmed Sab, another popular wrestling Guru. Both were giants in the art of wrestling.

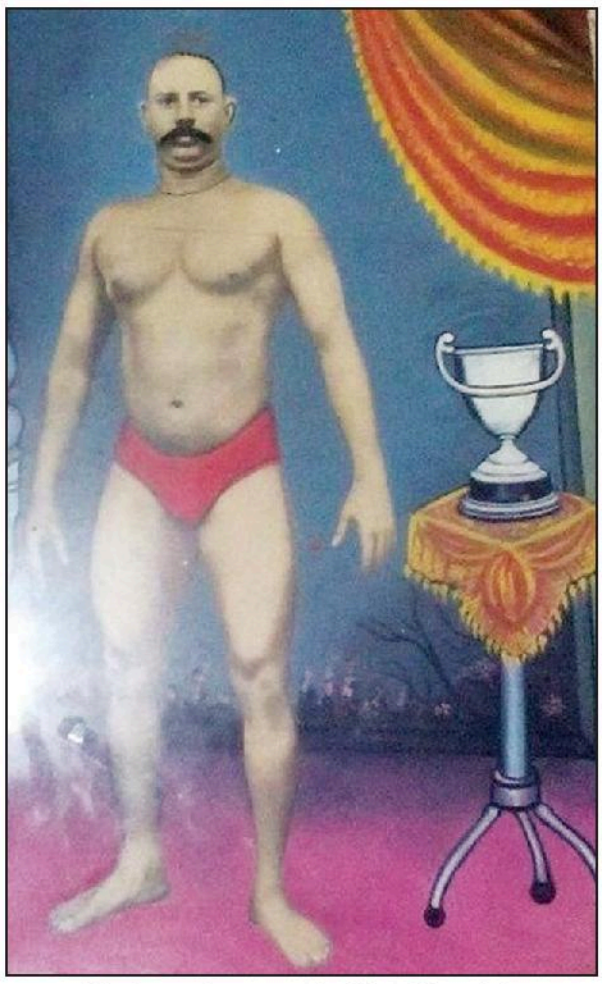
Unmatched physical prowess

The King, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, was a great patron of wrestling, like his predecessor, Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. A duel between Dodda Thimmaiah and Papaiah at the Jaganmohan Palace, arranged by Nalwadi somewhere between 1908-10, stands out as a monumental moment in the city's wrestling history.

It lasted for three days, and their fight seemed to see no end. Finally, on the third day, Papaiah gained the upper hand to secure encomiums from none other than his favourite King. 'Karnataka Kusti Kanteerava,' the coveted title he won added to his legendary status and he remained an unchallenged wrestler for long.

The honour also symbolised the high esteem with which these wrestlers were held in Mysuru and across India.

The clash between these two giants and the ultimate victory of Papaiah was the talk of the town. It remained etched in the memory of one and all for long. The champion wrestler had won the people's admiration and was hailed, 'ಆಕಾಶಕ್ಕೆ ಏಣಿ ಇಲ್ಲ; ಪಾಪಂಯ್ಯನವರಿಗೆ ಜೊತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ.' (There is no ladder to the sky, and there is no one matching Papaiah).



The legendary wrestler Ustad Papaiah.

The tutelage of his master, Faqir Ahmed Sab, had made him reach the pinnacle in the ring.

In those royal days, the close association between the wrestlers and the royal family was part of a larger effort to elevate the status of the sport and its practitioners.

Ancient art of combat

Wrestlers came to Mysuru to exhibit their strength in the art of wrestling before the Maharaja. The royals, on their part, supported those engaged in this ancient art of combat, helped them build wrestling houses and offered them jobs to be their guards.

The presence of Garadis, such as Faqir Ahmed Sab Garadi, Mayanna's Garadi, Ustad Srinivas Garadi, Srinivasanna's Bandikeri Gardi, Ranganayaka's Garadi and Police Linganna's Garadi, was the epicentre of training and competition for the best wrestlers in the region.

Wrestlers like Koppal Basavaiah, Chikkaiah, Amiruddin Quereshi and Dodda Thimmaiah were among the famous. During the Dasara, wrestling bouts were organised before the Maharaja at the Palace. On the Ayudha Puja day, 'Vajramushti Kalaga' was a special feature. Wrestlers exhibited their combat skills with knuckles on their fingers.

The plaque of Ustad Papaiah Road, marking the left and right sides.

Humble request for a Nagari drum

Ustad Papaiah was among those master wrestlers Nalwadi took along with him to Delhi in 1931 for the Delhi Durbar. The invincible wrestler won a gold medal in the contest organised before King George V. It further solidified his fame.

Asked to seek whatever he pleased, land or money, when he returned, Pailwan Papaiah requested the Maharaja to grant him a Nagari (drum) to draw attention to his training sessions.

His request was a testament to his modesty and dedication. It became a symbol of his hard work and discipline. Lauding him, people bestowed him one more platitude: 'ಹೊಡಿ ನಗಾರಿ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೈಯ; ತಟ್ಟು ತೊಡೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೈಯ.' (Beat the drum with your hand; slap your thigh with your hand). The Nagari, the gift from the Maharaja, was preserved in his master's Garadi for a long time.

Gruelling routines, diet

Pailwan Papaiah was born in 1870 in a wealthy Arya Ediga Gowda family in Mysuru and began practising when he was in his prime, young age of 16. He was encouraged by his first Guru and maternal uncle, Ustad Mallappa and his close friend Veeranna, who sold butter in his Halladakeri shop. Ustad Faqir Ahmed Sab trained him to acquire unparalleled expertise in the art of wrestling.

The physicality and strength of wrestlers like Papaiah, who could carry multiple people up the Chamundi Hill, were a testament to the gruelling training methods that they followed. They would consume large quantities of nourishing foods like butter, ghee and nuts to build their strength, and their rigorous daily routines included practice in the Garadis and under the sun, honing their skills to perfection. Learning new locks, they beat their rivals and spread the fame of Mysuru and their ruling king.

Today, the memory of Pailwan Papaiah lives on a street in Mysuru. The street near Gandhi Square where he lived bears his name as a fitting tribute to a man who was not only a champion wrestler but also a symbol of strength, discipline and humility.

The Pailwan Papaiah Garadi patronised by the Wadiyars.

The Ustad Papaiah Road near Gandhi Square.

Wins two gold medals in swimming

Pratibha Goutham

Mysuru, June 9 (VNS)- City's Pratibha Goutham has won two gold medals in the State-level Non-Medallist Swimming Competition-2025 organised by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central at University of Mysore Swimming Pool in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

Pratibha won gold medals in 50 Mtr Backstroke and 50 Mtr Breaststroke taking part in the Masters' category. A home-maker and mother of two, Pratibha began her swimming journey only in 2024. Pratibha is aiming to take part in the 26th State Masters' Swimming Championship which will be organised by Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA) during October this year at Bengaluru.

She currently trains at the Chamundi Vihar Swimming Pool (BSRC), Mysuru, under the guidance of senior coach Manoj Kumar and assistant coach Santosh.

MCP Hunters emerge MPPL-5 champions

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju and DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj handing over winners trophy to MCP Hunters.

Mysuru, June 9 (VNS)- MCP Hunters emerged as champions in the 5th edition of Mysuru City Police Premier League (MPPL-5) defeating MCP Bulls, here recently. Eleven teams took part in the tournament in which a total of 62 matches were played spanning nearly four months. Mallesh was declared as 'Man of the Finals,' Ganesh emerged as 'Best Batsman of the Tournament,' Purushotham Kambli as 'Best Bowler of the Tournament' and Vijay Kumar as 'Player of the Tournament.'

Prizes to the winners were distributed by chief guests DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju and DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj.

Runners-Up MCP Bulls seen with the chief guests and the trophies.

Gold in 50x4 freestyle relay

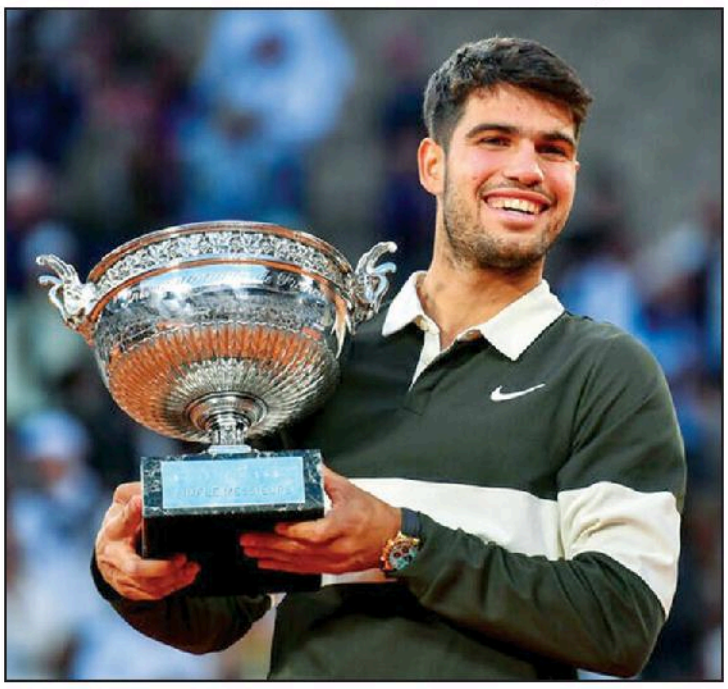
Mithun, Skanda and Avinash Jainahalli posing with gold medals.

Mysuru, June 9 (VNS)- The team comprising journalist Avinash Jainahalli, Skanda, Mithun and Sanjay won a gold medal in the State-level Non-Medallist Swimming Competition-2025 conducted by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central at University of Mysore Swimming Pool in Saraswathipuram on Sunday.

The team won gold in the 50x4 Freestyle Relay in the Masters' category.

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defends French Open title

Defeats World No.1 Jannik Sinner in longest final



Carlos Alcaraz posing with the trophy during the award ceremony of French Open 2025 at Paris yesterday.

Paris, June 9- Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz once again showed his dominating side and clinched the French Open 2025, men's singles final against Jannik Sinner on Sunday.

After losing the first two sets, Alcaraz showed a brilliant comeback and clinched a terrific win. The scoreline of the final match was 4-6, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 in favour of Alcaraz.

Sinner squandered three championship points before being taken to the limit in a French Open final record time of 5 hrs 29 mins. It broke the record of the 1982 final match between Wilander and Vilas, which lasted 4 hrs and 42 minutes.

Italian duo win women's doubles

Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini won the French Open women's doubles title on Sunday, on the same court they clinched gold at last year's Paris Olympics. The Italian pair beat Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic of Serbia 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 for their first Grand Slam title together. Errani and Paolini finished runners-up at Roland Garros a year ago, when Paolini was also a losing finalist in the women's singles. The 38-year-old Errani added the women's doubles crown to the mixed title she won alongside compatriot Andrea Vavassori on Thursday.

It was her sixth women's doubles triumph, having already completed a career Grand Slam.

French Open Women's Doubles' winners Jasmine Paolini and Sara Errani pose with the trophy.

WORD OF THE DAY

Dyspeptic

Pronunciation: diss-PEP-tik (adjective).
Meaning: Dyspeptic is a formal and old-fashioned word used to describe someone who is bad-tempered (in other words, easily annoyed or angered), or something that shows or is characteristic of a bad temper. The noun form of dyspeptic is dyspepsia.
Origin: If you've ever told someone (or been told yourself) to "quit belly-aching," then you should have no trouble grokking the gastronomic origins of dyspeptic, an adjective used in formal speech and writing to describe someone with a bad temper. To wit, indigestion (aka dyspepsia) is often accompanied by nausea, heartburn, and gas—symptoms that can turn even your cheeriest chum into a curmudgeonly crank. So it's no wonder that dyspepsia can refer both to a sour stomach and a sour mood, or that its adjective form, dyspeptic, can describe someone afflicted by either. The pep in both words comes from the Greek pep-, base of the verb péptein meaning "to cook, ripen, or digest."
Example: "Statler and Waldorf from 'The Muppet Show' made a long-running joke of dyspeptic critics. Never once in my teenage years did I point to the TV and say, 'Mom and Dad, that is what I want to be when I grow up.'" — Charles McNulty, The Los Angeles Times, 4 Dec. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Davit

Device for hoisting and lowering a boat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't give up the day job

Meaning: The phrase "Don't give up the day job " means that you ought to keep doing what you are great at, instead of taking a stab at something new or turning your hobby into your profession.
Origin: This phrase is a combination of somewhat sarcastic with good-natured advice.
Example: "I tasted the cupcake you baked yesterday. My feedback is: don't give up your day job!"

QUOTE BOX

We still do not know one thousandth of one percent of what nature has revealed to us. **—Albert Einstein**

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Answer: Score board.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Debussy heroine
4 Nondirectional Beacon
7 Annoyed
11 Major ref. work
12 Boat propeller
13 On the level
14 Very likely
17 Fishing aids
18 Commuters
20 City on the Ganges
22 Cosy
23 Mentalist Geller
24 Delete
27 Monkey bread tree
31 Judge's decision
33 Marsh bird
34 National Defence Academy, in short
35 Festive occasion
37 A bar of metal
39 Revolting
42 Goatskin bag for holding wine
43 Smallest details
46 Get money by working
47 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
48 An old horse
49 Ex-Aussie cricket captain Chappell
50 BSE alternative for share traders
51 Wisecrack

DOWN
1 Cut off
2 Comparative ending ?
3 Taking as one's own
4 Persons of wealth or social importance
5 Broad valleys
6 Yul ___ : hairless hero from Hollywood ?
7 West African country
8 Above or done with
9 Soaks flex in water
10 Abstract being?
15 Disallow or prohibit
16 Comparative words (2,1)
19 Spiritual mentor
20 Bar
21 The first king of Phliasia
25 New York State prison (4,4)
26 Internal as a prefix ?
28 Theoretical origin of universe
29 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
30 Town crier or public announcer of yore
32 Slang word for pistol
36 Pseudonym
37 Debtor's letters
38 A whimsically eccentric person
39 Crowd sound
40 "To be" in Toulouse?
41 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram ? (2,2)
42 Implore
44 American Auto. Assoc.
45 Poultry farm produce

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	S			T	T	G		Q	U	I	
I	L	L	S		E	A	U		U	R	S	A
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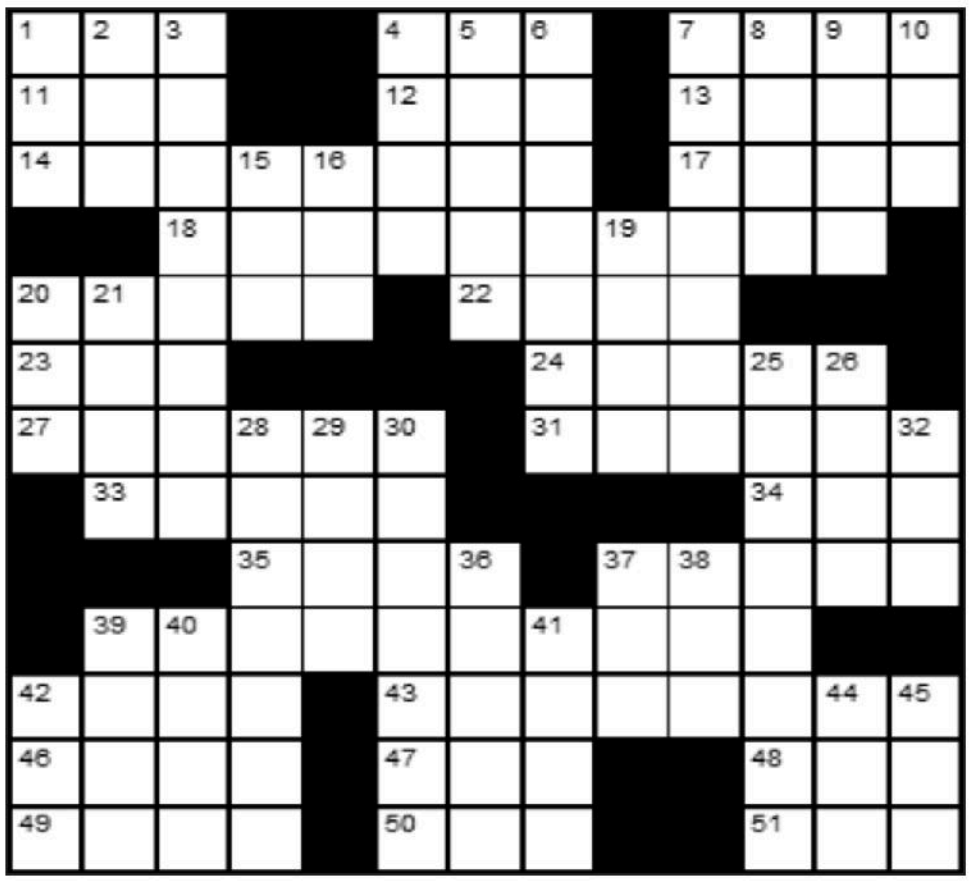

SUDOKU

		9						
	8		2	5			7	
					3	8		2
	1	4			6		9	
3								6
	2		4			3	8	
5		1	6					
	9			7	8		4	
						9		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	8	5	7	2	3	4	6
2	7	5	4	6	3	8	1	9
4	3	6	9	8	1	7	5	2
5	9	4	8	3	6	2	7	1
6	2	1	7	9	5	4	3	8
3	8	7	1	2	4	6	9	5
8	5	3	6	4	9	1	2	7
1	6	2	3	5	7	9	8	4
7	4	9	2	1	8	5	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IDJ NJBPID ED JQJBX JEUSC SRP RD RMMEGJDC.

CSJ ICSJB PJQJD SRQJ RMMEGJDC EDPLBRDMJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can never plan the future by the past.

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Karate Kid Legends (E)	(S-1)	1.40 pm; (S-4) 4.45 pm
Housefull 5A (H)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Housefull 5B (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
Lilo and Stitch (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.35 am, 4.30 pm
Mission: Impossible- The Final Reckoning (E)	(S-2)	6.50 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Aabhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Madras Matinee (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Najuss: An Impure Story (Ma)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Housefull 5B (H)	:	8.40 am, 10.45 am, 11.20 am 3.30 pm, 5.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	10.55 am, 2.45 pm
Sees Kaddi (K)	:	11 am
Madras Matinee (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Neethi (K)	:	2 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4.20 pm, 10 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	4.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	5.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	7.55 pm
Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	7.55 pm

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Maadeva (K)	:	10.10 am, 6.55 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	12.10 pm
School Ramayana (K)	:	1 pm
College Kalavida (K)	:	4.25 pm
Chotta Mumbai (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	9.45 pm

Governance Talk Series at VVIET tomorrow

Mysuru, June 9- In a concerted effort to foster youth participation in urban governance, the Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET), in collaboration with Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (HSF) and Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), has organised a special Governance Talk titled 'Urban Governance in Action: Pathways for Youth Engagement for a Cleaner, Smarter Mysuru' on June 10 at 11 am at Lalitha Smaraka Bhavana, VVIET Campus, Bannur Road, Mysuru.

The session will be presided over by Ritesh Gowda, Chairman, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust, with Kaveesh Gowda, Secretary of the Trust, delivering the opening remarks.

A key highlight of the event is a special address and youth interaction session with Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). He will engage directly with students, young citizens and Youth for Governance Fellows, discussing opportunities and challenges in urban civic engagement.

Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM, will be the guest of honour, sharing insights on grassroots governance models and the role of youth in participatory governance.

This initiative is part of the broader Governance Talk Series, aimed at strengthening democratic participation and civic consciousness among the youth. It highlights the pivotal role of educational institutions and civil society in shaping the next generation of informed, responsible urban citizens.

The event is organised under the leadership of Dr. Karibasappa Kwadiki, Principal, VVIET, with the active support of faculty and staff, as part of the Youth for Governance Fellowship Programme by GRAAM in association with Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung.

Youths from across Mysuru may participate but prior registration is mandatory. To register, contact Pavan from GRAAM on Mob: 89717-35306.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 9)

- **I Ads and Events:** Thailand International Shopping Festival and Furniture Fair, Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, Nazarbad, **up to 8.30 pm.** [Entry tickets - Rs. 20]
- **ISKCON, Mysuru:** Panihati Chida Dahi Utsava, Maha Abhisheka, Mangalarati, Drama Performance, melodious sankirtana and delicious prasadam, Sri Dhama Hall, ISKCON premises, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 10)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road:** Sri Lakshminarasimha Jayanti and Special Swati Puja, Vishwaroopa Darshana, **7.30 am;** Abhisheka, **9 am;** Special Alankara, Mahamangalarati & Prasada Distribution, **1.30 pm;** Tiruveedi Utsava, **6 pm.**
- **Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET), Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (HSF) and Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM):** Special Governance Talk titled 'Urban Governance in Action: Pathways for Youth Engagement for a Cleaner, Smarter Mysuru,' Lalitha Smaraka Bhavana, VVIET Campus, **11 am.**
- **Sri Srinivasa Swamy Temple, Tilak Nagar:** Sri Srinivasa Swamy Annual Celebrations, Sri Padmavati Ammanavara Vardhanti, Pushpa Pallakki Utsava, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Kannada articles

Mysuru, June 9- Desiranga Samskruthika Trust, Mysuru, has invited Kannada articles on the topic 'Hindu Samajadallina Moodanambike Deshada Abhivruddhige Poorakave-Maarakave' for State-level Competition to be held in commemoration of late social activist Prof. K. Ramdas.

The articles should be written/typed only on one side of the page and should not have been published before.

Last date to send entries is June 18. The articles should be sent to: Krishna Janamana, President, Desiranga Samskruthika Trust, Anudina Nilaya, EWS-15, 10th Cross, Gangothri HUDCO Layout, Mysuru-9.

For further details, contact Mob: 70194-41509, according to a press release from the Trust President.

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Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	11.55 am, 3 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.40 pm
Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	2.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	5 pm

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Housefull 5B (H)	:	9.40 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	1.40 pm
Neethi (K)	:	2.05 pm
College Kalavida (K)	:	4.25 pm
School Ramayana (K)	:	6.55 pm
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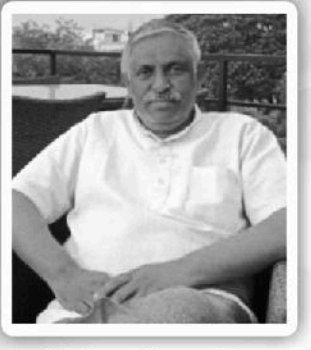

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